



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents,

I enjoyed meeting some of you last week for my first round of Parent/Headteacher Meetings. Much of what we discussed has heightened my awareness of how willing and capable you are and also how much you do want to help the school. I thank you for this and look forward to seeing so much more of you.

We have already asked for volunteer readers to help hear children from both classes and are putting a fab team together (more offers will still be gratefully received). The importance of reading cannot be underplayed and it opens doors to every area of learning, plus it adds to life chances and wellbeing. **At the very least, please hear your child read once daily at home for fifteen minutes**, asking questions about the text that check their understanding and discussing and clarifying unfamiliar words. This is equally important for children who read fluently as it adds value to their learning helping them improve their comprehension of the text and skills of deduction, inference and accuracy.

It would also be wonderful to hear from you, if you can help in any other way. Please give the School Office a call and I will phone you back to discuss. For example, Mrs Mann has kindly agreed to run a cooking club in the Spring Term and I know that she would be more than happy to hear from you if you can support her. Mrs Mann will also be purchasing plants for hanging baskets to display on the school building. I know that she will be pleased to hear from you if you can help her with this project as well.

As expressed in a previous letter that I wrote, my ideal as Headteacher, is for the school to be at the heart of the village community. The pandemic has made this particularly challenging, but I am keen to move speedily on this aspect. Please keep your ear to the ground for more news about Friends of the School Meetings. I understand that they are keen to 'regroup' and plan exciting fund raising activities and social events, so please get involved and please become part of this team. The school really does need good fund raising ideas at a time of immensely tight budget constraints.

We are at the start of a big project, but together we can make it work. **Let's do it!**

School Dinners

Please will you seriously consider your child ordering school lunches over the course of this week, if only just to try them out. I have been impressed with what I have seen and tasted so far! The hot meals are gorgeous. The macaroni cheese and the apricot crumble with custard are particularly DEEEELicious!

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Dinner Survey from Mellors

On a similar theme, it would be great to get some parent feedback about the school dinner service. See the link below to survey which our provider has put together.

Mellors will then collate all responses and present back to each school their findings and actions for moving forward. They will also feedback to the parents and pupils.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CYCTrustSurvey>

Hope, Community and Perseverance – Theme Week 11.10.21 to 15.10.21

You will notice that we have altered our three Christian value key words to Hope, Community and Perseverance. This has come as part of our work on updating our school vision and ethos. Our Theme Week with the children begins on 11th October where we will be introducing our school parable of ‘The Sower’ to the children by exploring the story through a variety of activities that will help the children understand its significance and how they can apply its meaning to their lives in and out of school. They will also be involved in helping to write a new ‘child friendly’ vision statement. Important work!

Rugby Match – Escrick – 21st October

I am sure that you will be delighted to know that we have our first school sporting fixture post pandemic. This will be a tag rugby match against Escrick on 21st October. Good luck Team Naburn!

Parent/Teacher Meetings – 18th and 21st October

You will receive a more detailed letter about Parent/Teacher consultation meetings for all children. These will take place on Monday 18th October between 5.00pm and 7:00pm and Thursday 21st October between 3.30pm and 5:00pm. Each consultation will last for 10 minutes.

This is a crucial opportunity to discuss with the teachers how your child is progressing and how you can help support their work at home.

If you are unable to make these dates and times, please do see your child’s class teacher as they will be able to arrange an alternative appointment at a later or earlier date. Our aim is to meet with every single parent.

Flu immunisation reminder

A reminder to go online **BY WEDNESDAY** please to register your child for the flu vaccine. It is available for all children in school this year. Details below

1. Go to <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/>
2. Enter the School Code **121537** and click **“Find School”**.
3. **Complete the form** with your child’s information and parent/guardian contact information*.
4. Click the **green “Submit” button**.

Please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine> for more information about the childhood influenza vaccination programme.

You can contact the childhood immunisations team on hdft.childhood.immunisations@nhs.net or 01423 553115. They are a small team who cannot always answer the phone straight away, so please leave a message if there is no one available to take your call. They endeavour to respond to all queries within one working day.

Harvest Festival

It is our Harvest Festival on Thursday 21st October. This is a joint service with the church again which starts at 10.30am. The retiring collection will be split between church funds and Martin House Hospice.

Our harvest gifts will go to the homeless charities in York as usual. Items suitable for breakfasts such as cereals, porridge, fruit juice, tea, coffee and fruit will go to Carecent who serve breakfast to the homeless. Other items such as tins or vegetables will go to Arclight, a shelter for the homeless. Please bring your items into school on **Wednesday morning (20th October)** so that we can take them along to church when we rehearse. Items can be in a box or loose in a bag.

Shoe Box Appeal reminder

See below information related to our [Shoebbox appeal](#), which will help to support the wonderful work of '[Children in Distress](#)'. Please remind yourself of the following details.

- Please wrap shoe boxes with Christmas paper. **Please wrap the lids separately in case the box needs to be opened up by customs.**
- Please complete the Shoebbox label which can be found in the leaflet (boy/girl/age/items included) and stick the label to the lid of the box. Items placed in the boxes could include toothbrush / toothpaste / bar of soap / sponge / hair brush / hair accessories for girls / small new soft toy / small toy for girls and boys / stationery items / pencils / crayons / sweets – NOT chocolate / hats / gloves / socks.
- If you are able, we also ask for a donation of £2 to support the charity with the shipping of the boxes, which please keep separate and put in the donation money boxes when you drop off your shoebox.

Taking responsibility for the care of others is an important part of embracing our Church School distinctiveness. We are hoping that each child at school will fill a shoebox full of little gifts for children who really deserve a gift this Christmas and who without a shoe box would get nothing.

We will be collecting completed boxes at school drop off on Thursday 14th October. If needed, we have extra leaflets available in the office. Thank you

Walk to School Week 11th – 15th October 2021

Walk to School Week starts on 11th October, so please encourage your child to scoot, cycle or walk to school. I realise that many of you have to drive to school because you live so far away, but if you could try to park a little further away and walk a little bit that would be great. 'Park and Stride' please! A bus journey will be counted as an active journey so Stillingfleet children can feel that they have made a difference to the success of our numbers! Remember it is a competition and we are a competitive school that loves to win!

Also remember that the Local Authority has added a further challenge for schools during Walk to School Week. [COP26](#) is the 2021 United Nations annual climate change conference taking place in Glasgow, which will bring together world leaders to commit to urgent global climate action. Each of us has a part to play, and travelling actively and sustainably to school is a great way for everyday people to go about their lives in quietly revolutionary ways – helping cut carbon emissions and making the UK and the wider world a greener place!

It's 210 miles between Glasgow and York, and we want our school to challenge itself to 'walk' all of the way there over the week!

- Schools will take part as normal by recording all of our active/sustainable journeys, so there's no extra work for us or the pupils to do.

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- Each journey we record will be classed as '1 mile' towards the 210 mile target. We might even want to challenge ourselves to walk to Glasgow and back!
- The LA want to see how many trips to Glasgow we can collectively complete, and will calculate how much CO₂ we've saved together!
- If there are enough schools taking part, with every class getting involved, we could even walk all the way around the globe!

Parent/Headteacher Meetings

I am looking forward to meeting more of you at my headteacher/parent meetings. These will take place on Mondays, beginning at 4.30pm. If you would like to meet me individually, please see the dates below and phone the school office to book an appointment. Thank you

Meeting Date	Time
Monday 8 th November	4.30pm to 6pm (One appointment slot available)
Monday 22 nd November	4.30pm to 6pm
Monday 6 th December	4.30pm to 6pm

Picture News

Story: Encouraging people to use buses more often is to be a central part of the Government's plan to reach net zero by 2050. New transport stations, called 'mobility hubs', will act as a focal point for cyclists, electric car drivers and rail commuters to switch easily between different modes of transport.

Question: What would encourage you to use public transport?

Virtual Assembly: Found on the Picture News website, just add /discuss

TT Rockstars

Another reminder about the TT Rockstars battles. See details below. The times have been set to only allow the coins to be earned between the hours of 7am to 7pm.

Date	Year Groups Battling
4.10.21-11.10.21	Year 3 and Year 4
11.10.21-18.10.21	Year 5 and Year 6
18.10.21- 01.11.21	Whole School Battle- All Year Groups (Year 1 -6)

We are looking forward to seeing everyone practising their tables and challenging themselves to improve every week.

Remember how important times tables are and encourage your children to compete at home. If you know your 6 times table, you also know your sixty times table and your 0.6 times table etc. Speedy and accurate recall of times tables simplifies maths processes for children, gets them involved more quickly and successfully in mathematical reasoning and gives them plenty of satisfaction.

Thank you to Mrs Mann for organising these for the year groups and classes.

Friends of Naburn School 100 Club

Our October winner is Jennifer Atkinson, congratulations to her!

I hope that you all have a good week and I look forward to seeing you.

Best wishes



Jonathan Green